

family, friends, and the community greatly influenced the lives of everyone he has known. He will forever be remembered along the streets of Parma Heights and throughout the Greater Cleveland community.

IN RECOGNITION OF
INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, celebrated annually on September 12th. Interdependence Day is a global celebration targeted at raising awareness of the interdependent character of global society.

Interdependence Day began in 2000, when a small group of international artists, political activists and scholars came together and began a dialogue about the possibilities of interdependence between nations. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2011, this small group's idea began an international movement, the Interdependence Movement. Today, the Interdependence Movement is comprised of a global group of citizens known as Citizens without Borders. This group is focused on "creating a constructive interdependent consciousness that facilitates global cooperation and global governance."

Every year since the 2003 Interdependence Day celebration in Philadelphia, the world's citizens have come together in Rome, Paris, Morocco, Mexico City, Brussels, Istanbul, Berlin and most recently, New York City. The 2011 Interdependence Day celebration coincided with the 10th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 and was especially important to the kick-off of the Interdependence Movement as a year long project.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 2011 Interdependence Day, which was celebrated on September 12th in New York City. I wish the Citizens without Borders my best as they strive towards an international community that comes together for global peace and understanding.

ON PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD AND
THE U.N. BID FOR RECOGNITION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) will seek recognition of a Palestinian state on 1967 borders at the United Nations (U.N.). The United States has reportedly given the P.A. private assurances over opposing future Israeli settlement building in the West Bank and has urged the P.A. to return to the negotiating table. Yet the threats by this Congress to cut off aid to the P.A. for making such a move fail to recognize that the efforts of the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N. and from other states are born directly of the failure of the so-called "peace process" that has allowed settlement construction in the West Bank to continue and that threatens to destroy any hope of the very two-state solution we advocate for.

In July, I opposed a one-sided resolution that condemned any attempt by the P.A. to seek recognition from the U.N., but made no mention of the continued settlement building in the West Bank and East Jerusalem that led to the breakdown in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. By only holding one side accountable for such unilateral actions, we undermine the very negotiations we claim to support. A just solution and good faith negotiations will not succeed as long as the United States allows settlement building to continue. We cannot be an honest broker or claim to act in Israel's best interests while turning a blind eye to actions that undermine its security.

True, long-term stability and security for Israel is dependent on peace with its Palestinian neighbors. I unequivocally support a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But a just, negotiated solution can only be achieved when both sides are held accountable for actions that undermine the reality of a two-state solution on the ground.

ERNEST HOUSE SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Ute Mountain Ute Tribal leader from the Weeminuche Tribe, Ernest House Sr. Over the past 30 years, his influence, dedication and leadership to the Ute Mountain tribe has grown the tribe's influence in the state of Colorado and in the United States.

Mr. House is the grandson of the Ute Mountain Ute tribe's last hereditary Chief, Chief Jack House. In the last years of Chief Jack House's life, Mr. Ernest House Sr. cared for him, learning much about the tribe's history and potential for future plans.

Mr. House was first elected to the Ute Mountain Tribal Council in 1979. Three years later, Mr. House became chairman for the first time, beginning the first of his four non-consecutive four-year terms as chairman for the Ute Mountain Tribe—his last term ending in 2010.

As chairman, Mr. House helped the Ute Tribe accomplish several projects that widened the tribe's economic and natural resource development. Between 1986 and 1988, Mr. House worked to complete two major water compacts to provide water throughout the Ute territories. In addition, Mr. House oversaw several building projects, including a tribal health center and casino. In his last term as chairman, Mr. House Sr. focused primarily on tribal safety, widening the Tribe's police force from two officers to more than 12 officers.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, Mr. House was tragically taken from us after a motorcycle accident outside of Cortez, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Ernest House Sr. His leadership and dedication to the Ute Tribe has benefited thousands, and he will be greatly missed by the Ute Tribe and the state of Colorado.

KEVIN WODLINGER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kevin Wodlinger for his work with the local Colorado Honor Flight Network, an organization that flies veterans to Washington to see the World War II memorial.

The Honor Flight Network was founded in 2005 by retired Air Force Captain and physician assistant Earl Morse. Mr. Morse retired from the United States Air Force in 1998, and recognized the need for an organization to help World War II veterans fly to see their memorial in Washington. In May of 2005, the first World War II veterans were flown from Springfield, Ohio to see their memorial.

When Mr. Wodlinger received news of this organization, he knew he needed to help to get this program to Colorado's Western Slope. In 2009, the first Western Slope Honor Flight took off.

In April of 2011, Mr. Wodlinger was honored with the Red Cross Hero nomination for his efforts to start the Western Slope Honor Flight. After receiving this nomination, Mr. Wodlinger claimed he only wanted to make sure that the World War II veterans from Colorado's Western Slope, the "real heroes," were recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Kevin Wodlinger. His work with the Honor Flight Network has provided hundreds of World War II heroes the ability to see the memorial America erected in their honor.

TIM JACKSON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tim Jackson, president of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association and advocate for Colorado drivers and Colorado auto dealers.

Mr. Jackson has spent his professional life advocating on behalf of small businesses and Colorado consumers. As the State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business, Mr. Jackson pursued the Colorado legislature on behalf of small businesses.

As President of the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association, Mr. Jackson has urged the Colorado state legislature and the United States Congress to implement policies that help local Colorado new car and truck dealers to maintain their businesses while selling environmentally-safe cars to the Colorado public.

In 2009, Mr. Jackson won the Outstanding Automotive Trade Association Executive from the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Tim Jackson. The state and people of Colorado are lucky to have such a determined, entrepreneurial-minded leader advocating on their behalf.

HONORING AIMEE SORDELLI FOR
RECEIVING THE CHARLES E.
PIPER AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Aimee Sordelli, who will receive the 26th Annual Charles E. Piper Award in November. The Charles E. Piper Award is presented by the Berwyn Development Corporation to honor achievement in business and service to the community. Since moving to Berwyn in 1995, Ms. Sordelli has dedicated herself to making the community safer, cleaner, and healthier.

During the past 16 years, Aimee Sordelli has amassed an impressive record of service, including sitting on several boards that strive to improve life for Berwyn citizens. Currently, Ms. Sordelli is Chairwoman of the Cook County Senior Advisory Board. She is also a member of the 708 Mental Health Board and the Main Street Board, as well as a Berwyn Township Trustee. There is scarcely a charitable organization in Berwyn to which she does not lend her time. When she is not volunteering for Earth Day clean ups or the Depot Beautification Campaign, Ms. Sordelli is at meetings for Senior Advocate Health Care, the Berwyn Development Corporation, or the Depot District Special Events Committee. In addition to her charitable endeavors, Aimee Sordelli works as an Operations Manager at the Loyola Marymount Hospital in Maywood, Illinois.

Perhaps even more impressive than the many leadership positions Ms. Sordelli holds in her community is the constant generosity and support she offers her neighbors. Ms. Sordelli once saved the life of her next door neighbor by using a baseball bat to fend off an attacking pit bull. On September 11, 2001, she brought a pot of chili to her local Berwyn fire department. As her own act of remembrance, Ms. Sordelli has made feeding her local first responders an annual event. Today, it is a community wide operation with catered meals for Berwyn firefighters, police, and paramedics. It is not only her illustrious achievements, but also her kind and genuine demeanor that make Aimee Sordelli a citizen worthy of distinction and recognition.

I ask you to join me in honoring Ms. Aimee Sordelli on her selection as the 2011 recipient of the Charles E. Piper Award, and may she continue to make a difference in the lives of her fellow citizens for years to come.

HONORING LT. COL. TERRENCE J.
MCCOLLUM ON HIS PROMOTION
TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL IN THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary citizen and Illinois' 3rd District constituent, Lt. Col. Terrence J. McCollum. On June 30th, 2011, then Major McCollum was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant

Colonel in the United States Air Force. It is a privilege to recognize his many accomplishments and dedicated service to our country today.

Lt. Col. McCollum began his decorated military career upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1994 with a degree in Oceanography. His academic ambitions led him to George Washington University Law School, where he graduated with a Juris Doctor in 2002. Finally, he earned a Masters degree in Business Administration at Colorado State University in 2011.

Upon graduating from the United States Naval Academy, Lt. Col. McCollum was stationed on the USS Peterson in Norfolk, Virginia as a Naval Officer. He has served on several tours abroad, including a recent tour at Kunsan Air Force Base in Korea. Lt. Col. McCollum has pursued a career geared toward assisting his fellow officers with legal matters. A devoted husband and father to three daughters, Lt. Col. McCollum currently serves as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for Headquarters at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii.

Lt. Col. McCollum's numerous accomplishments include earning a Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, a Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and a Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Additionally, Lt. Col. McCollum was consecutively named Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the Year for the 9th Air Force from 2007–2009. These accomplishments and many others speak to Lt. Col. McCollum's commitment to defending the best interests of his colleagues and preserving the security and well-being of our nation.

Lt. Col. Terrence J. McCollum's notable accomplishments, academic achievements, and dedicated service to his country embody what it means to be an exemplary United States citizen. I am proud to count him among the fine citizens of Illinois' 3rd District, and I wish him the best as he continues to proudly serve our country.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF
GAIL CHATFIELD

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, our nation most recently commemorated the tenth anniversary of 9–11; honoring those first responders who risked their lives to save others. Today, I rise to recognize the life of one of Missouri's finest first responders: Gail Chatfield.

Gail Chatfield's life was one of unselfish public service. Gail served our nation in the Armed Services during the Korean War, dedicated his life to ensure others were safe by serving in the St. Louis Fire Department from 1957–79. Gail also was elected to the Missouri General Assembly, representing the citizens of the City of St. Louis; he fought continuously for affordable healthcare for his fellow citizens. Gail's public service did not end there: My father, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Gail as Missouri's Fire Marshal, serving from 1993–1995. He served on the St. Louis Labor Council (AFL–CIO).

Gail was a leader who led quietly by example. He was competent, determined, and accomplished many great things, especially in the important field of public safety, all done with a sense of duty, purpose and humility.

Gail was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and great-grandfather. His wife Lois, and their four children Keith, Kathy, Greg, Pamela and the Chatfield grandchildren, great-grandchildren will miss him.

He dedicated his life to helping others whether it was performing his heroics in a fire or working in the Missouri General Assembly helping those less fortunate—Gail was friend to many Missourians. He was friend of mine. I will miss him.

COMMENDING THE FRANCISCAN
MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady for their century of faith and service to the State of Louisiana. This honor is shared as many lives have been touched through the three sanitariums operating in our state.

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady started in France in 1854 when seven groups of Franciscan sisters banded together. As the organization rapidly grew throughout the world, the first North American expansion happened in 1911 with the healing ministry being established in Monroe, La. Two years later, St. Francis Sanitarium opened in Monroe.

After the first establishment in this city, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady were invited to open two more sanitariums throughout Louisiana: Baton Rouge's Our Lady of the Lake Sanitarium was dedicated in 1923 and Lafayette's Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in 1949.

Even today, the congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady remains committed to the ministry of healthcare and spiritual wholeness—serving all of God's people.

This organization is an example of how a small founding group can grow to touch the lives of many, and I commend their hard work and dedication to making a positive difference across our state. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady for their century of service.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
GABRIEL "GABE" TERRONEZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Gabriel "Gabe" Terronez, who passed away on July 8, 2011 at the age of seventy-one. Gabe was a distinguished boxer, educator, and community leader who always placed the utmost importance on hard work and leading by example. He served as a role model for an entire community and will be deeply missed.